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# LANCASTER his Allarums,

honorable Assaultes, and suppressing of the Block-houses and Store-houses belonging to *Fernand Bucke* in

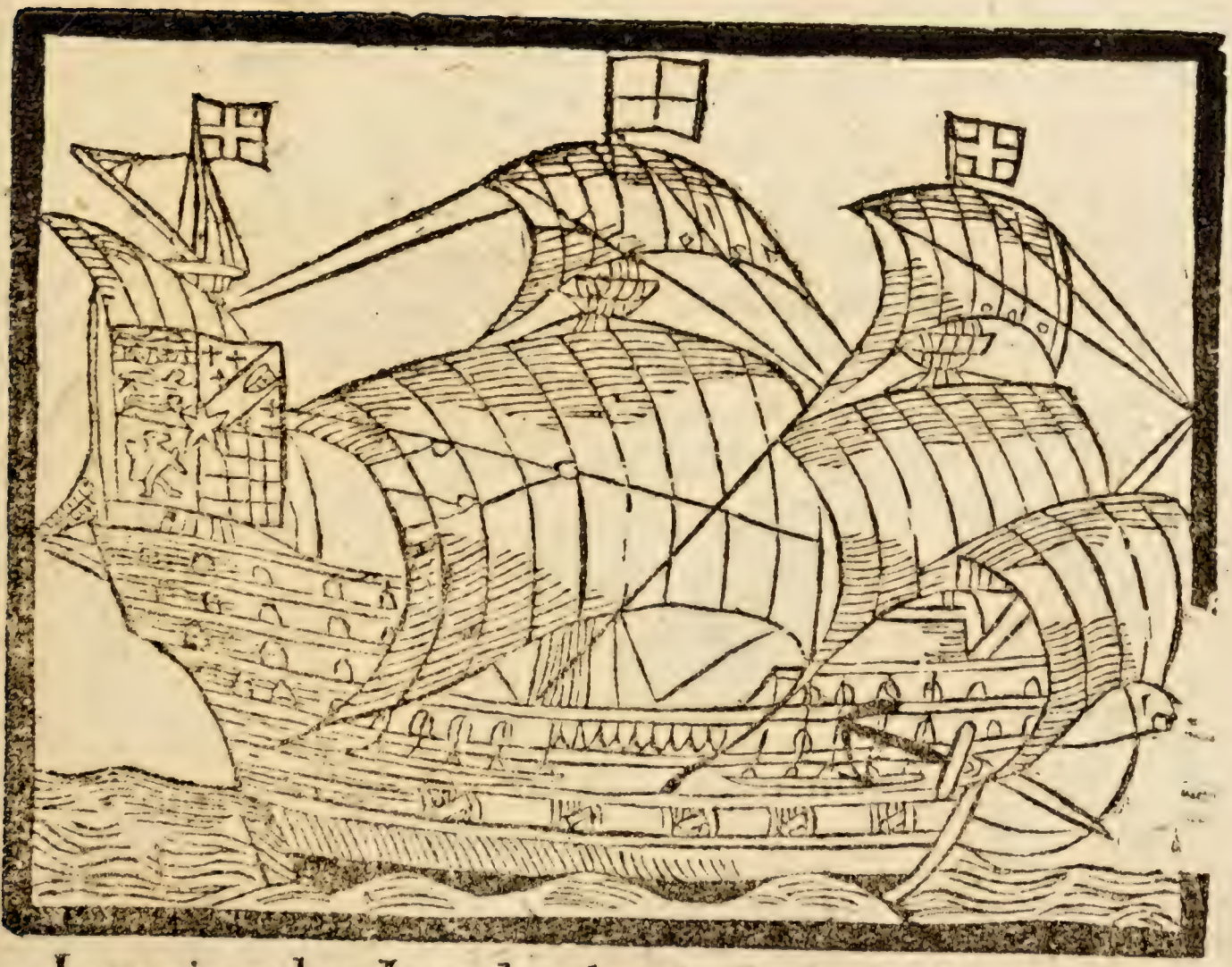
*BRASILL.*

With his brave attempt in Landing in the mouth of the Ordinaunce there, which were Cannons Culuering, Cannon periall and Sacres of brasse, with other sundry his most resolute and brave attempts in that COVNTRY.

From whence he laded of their spoyles and rich commodities he there found fifteene good Ships, which was *Sinamon, Sugar, Pepper, Cloues, Mace, Callow-cloth* and *Brassel-wood* with other commodities. With the names of such men of worth having charge within this most honorable attempt lost their liues. Published for their eternall

*HONOR.*

by a *VVelwiller.*



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*and are to be solde at his*

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# To the moſte reſolute and valiant minded Captaine *Iames Lancaſter* all encreaſe of ba- lour with your moſt worthy harts de- *ſire and proſperous ſucceſſe in all* your Attempts.

*IT hath beene [right] woorthy* Captaine, *their cuſtome in elder times amongſt ſome forraine nations which held honor in regarde by all ſignes and ſhowes of ioy to welcome home ſuch Aduenturers that for their Countreys honor and Princes benefit had any way aduentured, not only dooing them all the publicke honor they could, but inueſted them with titles of all honor, (ſuch Cuſtomes) albeit among the vulgar ſorte, it be denyed, yet doubtleſſe thoſe good mindes which honor armes, and their Countrey aduentures, attribute vnto them honorable prayſe as they deſerue.*

*Amongſt many other (valorious* Captaine) *that honor your woorthy deeds deſirous to regiſter your noble actions amongſt the beſt deſeruing, as they woorthily merit, though my ſlender skill be not ſuch as may deſerue to regiſter ſo notable and woorthy exploite by you perfourmed: yet haue I boldly attempted to ſet downe the ſame, that our Countreymen ſpecially ſuch as ſtand vpon tearmes of being what they are not, enuying the vertues and well deſeruing Aduenturer might bluſh to beholde what you haue perfourmed, through Gods ſufferance and your politik and moſt valiaunt reſolution: whilſt they lye ſweating one their eaſie beddes, of which I humblye craue pardon who intends well vnto all men but eſpeciall bend my deuotion, vnto ſuch skilfull aduentures at ſea, for that my profeſſion is ſuch, who am, and euer wilbe readie in all true zealous affection and doe you all the beſt ſeruice I can or may, when and where it ſhall ſtand with your good pleaſure for to commaund mee.*

*Your deuoted vvell vvilller.*

H. R.

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# To the Reader,

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NO tale of *Robinhood* I ſing,
ne olde wiues ſtories write:
Nor idle toyes to meruaile at,
vaine people to delight,
But woorkes of woorth moſt rare & true
to you I doe preſent:
which to the braueſt mindes may be,
a worthy preſident.
where *Cauallers* of high eſteeme,
doe *Londiners* contemne:
may know what worthy mindes they bear
and ſerue like valiant men.
As *Lancaſter* his laſt attempt,
that hee in *Braſſill* made:
May witneſſe well vnto his fame,
if you the ſame will read:
Rare are his acts, peruſe them then,
whoſe manhood dooth excell:
His haughtie deeds doone to our foes,
the ſame at large doth tell.
Recorde may wee his worthines,
and write but what is true:
And you that ſaw the welth he brought,
giue *Lancaſter* his due,
If *London-merchaunts* dare to doe,
ſuch actions as hee did:
Then why ſhould not their acts be tolde,
why ſhould his fame be hid.
Amongſt the cheifeſt *Cauilers*,
giue *Lancaſter* his place:
Who by his worthy pollicie,
the foe-man hath diſgraſt.

Hee

# To the Reader.

He is the man whose courage great,
was neuer seene to quaile:
He is the man that formost was,
where wee did foes assaile
Braue *Lancaster* for woorthines,
in this attempt of thine:
The foeman dooth commend thy worth,
whose vertues so dooth shine:
Then *Caualiers* of highest prize,
and Citizens of fame:
Extoll his prayse which hath deserude,
and brauely gaind the same:
And gallant Brutes which yet are bound,
your masters to obay:
When time shall make you free againe,
think then what I now say.
Learne by this man of woorth to guyde,
your selues in euerie place:
By land or sea to gaine renowne,
and enemies to disgrace.
your Countrey then your honor shall,
for Prince doe seruice good:
and men that see your woorthynes,
for you will spend their blood.
He is a lamp to light you one,
*Fames* pallace to attaine:
wherby your names shall euer liue,
if *Fame* you seeke to gaine.
Learne by his woorth that valiantly,
hath ventured life and limme:
To shame of dastard Coward base,
in place where he hath beene.
His deeds at large doe but peruse,
and then you all shall say:
an act of more resolue hath not,
beene compliſht at the sea.

*Finis.* H R.

# THE

# most honorable Attempts and fortunate succeſſe of our vvoorthy Citizen and braue minded Generall *Iames Lancaſter*, and his Aſſociates,

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IT hath béene often ſaide, and not ſo commonly ſayd, but true ſayd: as is manifeſt in our vngratefull Countreymen which holde Honours Champions in account longer then the preſent occaſion of vſe ſerueth for them. Which maketh vs ſo common a by word amongſt other Nations for our vngratefullnes: If wee could aſwell imitate in good actions ſuch noble Straungers as haue liued in elder time as follow, their vanities and manners in all vicious exercises, wée might well be noted for the moſte only people of the whole earth: Then might that moſt excellent Hiſtories which now declare the noble and bountifull mindes of the Romaines bee ſhut vp, and our Hiſtories fill the eares of all Nations with reportes of our now liuing and braue minded aduentures, but thoſe times be paſt, ſuch men liue not to recompence their worthines nor thoſe of learning to giue them their due.

If Roome the abiect of earth now for her vice, hath béene furniſhed with ſuch noble Cittizens that gained both for their valour and bountie ſuch eternall prayſes, not only for hazarding in many perrills their goods, but their alone perſons, aymming at nothing but honor: eſtéeming the goodes gotten as thinges tranſitorie.

Why ſhould not our thrise famous Cittie of *London* the only wounder of the earth for beautie, gouernment and welth, holde their honor in like account?

The Romaines exalted all men of worth for their vertues not regarding their parentage, makeing the ig-noble and base borne tribunes Senatours and Vice-rois in their territories, honoring them with all titles of nobilitie and honour, and after their victoryes, caused them in tryũphs, to ride throughout their Cities erecting Trophies, in memorie of their actions. Thorough which, they encouraged the noble minded, and moued the most baselt grome to aduenture.

If such were the manners and conditions, of our minded cuntrymen how flourishing an estate might we boast of: But we, forgetting vertue, estéeme wealth, not valor, (not men) before money, but money farre before men:

Yet are there some of worshippe, Patrones of this famous and most renowned Cittie, who estéeming their Cuntries benifit, haue by their great charge, enriched the Common-welth: And ofther carfull loue to their cuntry, enlarged the Nauy of our Land, by their most bountifull expences, so that thorough a number of worshipfull Cittizens, our eneimies are weakned, our strength increased, our eneimies empouerished, and our Land enriched, all for our cuntryes honor, where at they ayme as is dayly seene by the great aduentures they make.

And I could recite, but time causeth me to admit them, and their worshipes names in this place, not doubting but in time, some of good learning for honor of our Land, will register their names to eternall honor, vnto such I commend them, to recoũt vnto you, this latest and most rare exploit of a most resolute and braue Gentleman a Cittizen of this most famous Cittie vppon our eniinies the spaniards. wherin as he got fame by this most resolute & braue attempt, purchasing therby his cuntries honor & benifit of our common weale, and that his vertues béeing a Cittizen of this famous Cittie of London though by birth of gentility might not be obscured, I haue set downe his procédings in this action, that our braue minded youthes in tyme to come seeing what hath hath bendone, by men of our time, may imitate the vertues & endeuoring to deserue like him, honor in his cuntry, & remaine a terror to all eniinies.

In September now last past 1594 these worshipfull, graue Cittizens, and fathers of London, and most faithfull subiectes

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to our Prince, and Country, the' worshipfull, Iohn Wats, Alderman, master Paul Baning Alderman, master Sute Salter, master Boreman and others of worship in this most famous Cittie, desirous for their Cuntries honor and benefit to employ their substance, victuled and equiped for all needfull things to so hard and daungerous a voyage appertaining three good Ships, videl, the Consent of the burthen of 240. tunnes or there about the Salomon of 170. tunnes or there about, and the Virgine 60. tunnes or there abouts, appointing for Commaunders in this voyage Iames Lancaster of London Gentleman, Generall of the Fleete, Mun Barker of London Viz-Admirall, and Iohn Awdley of Popler neer London their Reare-Admirall, having in their company Iohn Wats the Sonne of Alderman Wats a proper and forward Gentleman full of resolution. And Symon Boreman sonne of M. Boreman Owner of the Salomon, a toward and likely youth.

These forenamed shippes fully equipped and furnished with all needfull provision moste royally, departed from Blackwall-rood neer London, in *October* last past, keping our owne Coast close aboard, where they met with fowle weather, such gusts and storwes that the Salomon spending her Mast not far from Darkmouth, they put into harbour and by the care and earnest industrie of the Generall and other having charge were shortly againe provided, which done, the carefull Generall loth to make longer stay then was needfull having a pleasing gale for their purpose: put from Darckmouth the last of *November* following, applying as winde served for their desired place.

But contrary to our erpect, (as God by many favours tryeth his people) not fiftie leauges from our owne Coast wee lost the Salomon and the Virgine, yet being alone, in hope to meet them about graund Canaries or capeblanck we kept our course for the place, and as God sent vs favorable windes plyed vntill we came to the Canaries, but could heare no tydinges of our Consorts, which greatly cumbred vs: Thence went wee bearing for Tinireef, where in the morning earely wee had sight of a sayle who being becalmed vnder the shoare, was towing with their boate a heade, having one other at her sterne, for this sayle we ygande our boate apointing our men well for fight

fineede shee vild serue them, but the cowardly Portugales seeing our boate come, entred theirs, and leauing the ship sought to saue them selues by flight, but our men being full of courage, hartned on with the braue imboldning speach of our Generall, and in hope of some better good by getting the men, pursued them so fast and with such egar desire, that they bourded them and brought them with their shippe to our Generall.

This was laden with Canarie wine, which came not vnto vs before it was well, (and better welcome.)

This shippe wee maned and kept, plying that day and the nert night there abouts, the very nert morning wee had sight of one other, but not so much wood as the first was, which had eightie tunnes of wine the other but fortie.

To her inlike manner wee sent our Boat, but their Gunner beeing a drunken Flemming standing on his tearmes, made a shotte at her, and shot a propper youngmans arme, it wee enforced them to strike, and to take that part their Countreymen did.

A lamentable tale it were to discouer the pittieful lokes of the poore Portugales, who trusting to our Lady had no hope of her sonne for comfort Well, beeing possest with this good liquor, a substance which must vnite the life, (praysed God for it) and that other good relief wee found amongst them beeing therewith well refreshed.

The Portugales hauing their free passage, and an acquittance for deliuerie of their wines, were all set a shoare, on Tenereefe making a quick returne of their long voyage, who were bound for Margareta, in the Indies.

The men hauing their discharge, and all thinges out that might doe vs any good, we left ỹ place plying for Cape-blanck: but before we came thether, wee met againe with the Virgine thereare Admyrall, who haling vs tolde vs for very trueth the Salomon was gonne for England, enforced so to doe by spending her mast, which wee found contrarie, for comming to Capeblanck wee met the Salomon who had fished with the Canehookes the best fish and other commodities hee found in ryfling twentie foure shippes and Caruels.

Of this good companie wee were all ioyfull, and had great

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hope of the blessing of God in performance of our intended voyage, and so after some parle and making frolick for ioy of our méeting, one with the other praysing God for all, wee plyed for Mayeo, where comming to ancor, our Generall and the rest of the Captaines went a shoare to veiw the place where we might in best safetie set our gallie together, which frame we brought from England of purpose to land men in the Cuntrey.

Héere we discharged our great pryze of wine and set her on fire, but before our comming thether, you shall understand wée had sight of foure sayles which was Captaine Venard in his shippe the Pergrine, and a prover Biskane which he tooke at Capeblanck, the Welcome of Plimmought and her Pynnes, all which stood with vs. But they seing our flagges expecting such good fellowes as we, did beare from vs all the might, which our people toke very unkindely that beeing all freinds they would neither enquire, nor tell vs any newes of our freinds but without making any shew of kindnes so to depart.

From Capeblanck wee toke likewise with vs three shippes viz. one daintie Caruell and one Canter, with one other Barke for to serue vs in the Cuntrey drawing little water for diuers purposes.

As before I haue sayd, the choice béeing made for the place to build the Gallie, a shore it was brought, where the carpenters did their true intents, and faithfully applyed their worke, still chéered unto it by the generalls good giftes bestowed amongst them, and kind usage of all the rest commaunders, not with out great care of the Captaine for the safetie of them all by kéeping good watch, yet one negligent fellow which had no knowledge of the Cuntry straing from his companie, was by the Mooers taken, and very kindely used, and brought a gaine unto vs, for which good, the generall rewarded them well with gifts very acceptabell, which they toke as kindly.

While we were thus busily imployed about the foresayd gallie we descryed at sea 4 sayles, which we had good hope would haue proued Indies men or some to haue brought vs what we lohed for, but they proued, Captaine Venard with his fleet as a foresayde, who seing vs at ancor came in unto vs, ancored also, where spending some time, and béeing acquainted with

our Generalls determination, for lading consorted with vs, and their bills according, to the manner of the sea were made, and signed, of either parte, whereby our strength was encreased to all our comforts, three weekes or there abouts we stayed in this place, before the Gally was finished which done putting men into her, and fitting her with ores, hauing 14 bankes on a side, a masse and sayle, the commaundment of her was committed vnto master Wats an honest skilfull marynier.

From thence we put againe to sea and hope of like successe, and went for the Ile Dett Brauo where we watered, which done we made no long stay after, but bent our course as directly as we could for the place, but before we came thither we lost our Caruell and one of the other pryses, our owne shipps being all well and in good safetie, which thankes to god, the comforte of all that builde faythfully vpon him, by whose sufferance we recouered the place, making our first fall with the land to the southward of Cape Augustine from whence we applyed still to our desired Port of Farnand Bucke, and did so much, that about midnight, we came before the harbor where some plyed vp & downe, holding that the best pollicy, to forbear the entring till day might giue them light, the harbought being hard and therfore the more perillous.

Our Shippes being in safetie well arriued, God was prayed, and the Generall in his boat went from shippe to ship, willing them to make ready such men as they could spare, with muskets, pykes bylles, bowes, arrowes and what weapons they had to follow him: Him self, with fourescore men from his owne shippe, embarqued him selfe in the Gallie which carryed in her prowe a good Sacare.

The Inhabitaunts which saw so much shipping, dreading what did follow, were gathered togither by estimation to the number of 1000 men and from their platforme being oppisite with the harboughts mouth well planted with Cannon periall and Sacars of brasse plyed vpon vs with them, our shippes ryding within Sacar-shot in the very face of them, yet did they not hurt any shippe but our Gunners borrowed little of them, but payd them well whatsoeuer they sent amongst vs, and with such sound payment, that two shot from the Admyrall by Gods

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help and the Gunners good industrie, beat their watch-house about their eares.

This beginning made the faint harted slaues to quaile that their harts were in counsayle with ther héeles, which should be the best member, in the end by generall consent, they agréed, to sée a littell moze, intreating their héeles to be redy to make shifte foz them.

But our Generall otherwise imployed his men béeing shipped rowed te the shoze, all the nyght appoynted with his companies, and encouraging his men in the very face of the Platfozme and mouth of their Ozdinaunce landed, leaping to the wasse in water, in the bzeach of the shoare, his men following him leauing their Gallye which beate so on the shoare as shee did little other seruice, a notable pollicie of the Generall, if hée had béene matcht with cowards', which the Generall little regarded making that a tryall, and encouraging his men, cryed still Saint George bzaue gallants this is our diuine.

The white liuozed Trauins as they be pzoude cowardes not respecting the aduantage they had of our people béeing so wette, which easely they might haue foyled, like harmeleste honestmē trusting to their olde freindly heeles their cheifest comfozt, leauing the Generall in possesion of all, saued themselues some in boates, which lay ready at the backside the house, others foz the best pzize, made our men Judges who was the best footemen, flying so fast as a hare from the egar greygound hauing not so much kindenes to bid them welcome, noz honestie to bid them farwell, the day of our arriuall was their God-Fryday, when by custome they vsuall whippe them selues, but God sent vs now foz a generall scourge foz them all, wherby that labour amongst them might be well spared, foz small leasure they had to doe that fopperie.

The Generall waued the shippes willing them to waye and to come in, which they did with all speed, himself taking ozder with his Associates of what they had in possession, and turning the Ozdinance bent them that way they expected any anoyance from the towneward, made chayce of a place conuenient foz to builde a baracado, which strongly they fozтified, brought the Ozdinance from the Fozt and placed them in their s, what they

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could best vse, the rest they sent a board, their shippes keeping good and carefull watch: Now it is to be remembred, that in this harbour they found three great Hulcks which came thether from Spaine to bring those goodes home which was there left, now two yeares since, by a Carick which was cast away.

Our Generall hauing in possession the Towne with all the goodes in the Storehouses, sent for the Flemings and demaunded what they did there: they answered for those goods they came sent from Spaine by the honors for them, & so after some wordes betweene them agreed for their fraught home to England vnto which they yelded.

When these thinges were thus to our comfort accomplisht, the Generall thought it small pollicie to make longer stay, then was needfull, and therfore toke ouer from euerie shippe one to woork, ỹ other to watch for their securitie. The first seruice was done, we vnladed our wine prize, giuing to euery ship equall portions, then making ready euery shippes holde, they brake the prize making it to serue for a Lighter to lade and with her the Welcomes Pynnace for the more expedition in their lading, so earnestly applying them selues as no opportunitie was lost in performance thereof, our willing mindes holding it no trouble: watching by night, nor hard labour by day: but so vigilaunt they were in all there actions as was requisite they should in so perillous a place, otherwise, they had enioyed their good fortunes but a small time, such was the pollicie of those base rogues, who in ỹ night at one time fyred ỹ. Caruills apollicie to their cost learned in England, but performed like them selues, for the Caruills with the fire taking like harmelesse boates a quite contrary way ran a shore consuming them selues without any annoyance to our ships as they intended they should haue done.

This deuice sorting to no better effect, they made rafts with olde masts and grapling them together and planting them full of light wood heath and such, fired them and sent them amongst our shippes, for this deuise our Generall ordained from euerie shippe two boates to be ready a head each shippe hauing in each one of them a graplet to throw on the rafts which sunck them all. and neuer had any aduantage to doe vs harme, these deuises quaking by sea, euery night they gaue vs brauadoes, one the

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shore bringing some few naked men with bowes and arrowes before our sconce, which shot often without doing harme, all which was to draw vs within compasse of their ambushment, which they had laid in hope we should haue pursued them flying but our Generalls and Captaines had more foresight then to venture them selues and vs against naked wretches.

When they saw that all their deuise was by pollicie frustrate thinking wee would be carelesse of their doing they began in the night to builde a new Forte in such a place as would haue greatly annoyed vs if they had gone forward with it: But our Generall hauing intelligence of the same by some of the cuntry people, would not seeme vnto them any way discontent, but secretly in the euening quietly gathering his companies issued vpon them, put them from their worke, take foure peeces of brasse Ordinaunce and slaying threescore of their men put the the rest vnto flight and returned with losse of one man, bringing with him to our forte their Ordinaunce which they intended should haue done vs the mischeif, this their deuises sorting to such ill successe, euer pretending, but neuer accomplishing any thing that euer did hurt vs, our men with such care imploied them selues as was ioyfull to see them.

In this painfull trauell of ours we had sight of a small man of warre of Deep in Fraunce who had plyed vp and downe two monethes yet durst not put in vntill they had sight of Saint George which continually we bare in our toppes, this little Frenchman comming in saluted our Admyrall as he could after the sea manner, and hoysing his boat came abourd to our Generall acquainting him with his extremitie wanting victualls, who like him self, pytying his distresse and waying the want him self had indured in his last long voyage, with that noble Gentleman Captaine Raymond, gaue him wine, bread, pease and such victualls as he had to their great relief.

This Frenchman reported that he not long before met with Captaine Abraham Cock who being distressed for water hir releiued with one hogshed hauing but two in all, and brought him to a place where they both watered. Not long after his arryuall, wee had sight of three sayles more which we hoped had bene India men, but proued Frenchmen. The Generell of this

Fléet was that same which brought our Generall from Mona, after the losse of his shippe, to our Generall was hartily welcome as was mosse manifest by the entertainment he gaue both him and his whole complanie wherein shewing him self a most braue and gratefull Gentleman farre vnlike such shaving people which neuer think of freindshyp longer then they reape commoditie, catch by all meanes they can, from such as carry gentle and willing mindes to deserue well to doe good vnto them that seeke their fauour. Such vnthankfull wretches I haue oftentimes séene to begge for releif where their piteous moanes haue béne scorned.

But to our matter the Generall in this time being possest wh such welthie commodities as he could not tell where to bestowe after he had fraughted his owne thrée men of war, thrée flemish hulcks of great burthen, thrée western ships viz. the Perygrine the Welcome and their prize with two spanyards which hee found in the roade gaue frankly vnto his good freind the Captaine what he would take of all such commodities as they had, which was cloues, mace, pepper, Sinemou and Calocowcloth Sugar and brasselwood whereof they had such store that euerie night during the keeping their forte a shoare they burnt by estimation aboue two tunnes. With these commodities the frenchman lading his thrée shippes and the Deepman one, and yet the Generall to shewe his further thankfulnes vnto him, gaue him freely one other shippe which came into the harbought full laden with Negers and other commodities, of which he toke his pleasure, this fauour the frenchman toke in very thankfull manner, and with diligence had purueyed to be gone with the Fléet, who being near ready to leaue the harbought, intelligẽce was giuen them by some of the cuntrey people that ỳ Gouernor had prouided for making a new forte, opposit of the mouth of the harbourt, where perrilles were most incident, and where men should be most busied in doing their labour to kéepe them from the danger of the bar, which tydings nothing plesed him nor any of his companie, wherfore sommoning the cheif of each shippe, vpp' n conference had of the danngers so bad a guest might there breed being there planted it was concluded to make such power as they could ẽ to driue them from their labour, so to raze their

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fortification, this being with aduise platted and a generall liking of the deuise, care was likewise taken for perfourming the same, and euerie thing for the purpose accordingly fitted: which done, the Generall that had béene often by flags of truce sommoned to parle with their Gouernour, which continually he refused, feigning to haue familiaritie with any his Princes enemies, as well to auoyde suspect of euill tounges as for his owne reputation, was for this cause enuyed of the Generall the more, which doubtlesse would gladly haue beene better acquainted with him if possibly he might, and for the better bringing his deuilish practises to effect. he first began this new fortification, which he imagined our Generall would not indure, nor suffer him to perfourme, but working by pollicie, he ambusht his people séeking thereby his ouerthrow, whome God defended in dispight of who he could or might doe, as the sequell shall manifest, for hee whose hope was neither in pope, saint or help of men, determining as you haue heard to effect this new resolued worke, ranged his companies and in most warlick and braue manner like a conqueror marched on to their forte, where with such courage he assayled the defendants as made them beléeue there should few escape, which made them play their olde parts, and trusting to their best freinds, their nymble héeles tourned their backes and departed: Whose tardy minds our men disdaining, with eger pursute followed spoyling many. but they that thought on no manhood but pollicie, conuaide them selues into a wood, closly followed of our people, into which, they were no sooner entered, but in sight of our people was placed xvij. Ensignes that made ou towards them, and looking behinde them they were backed with so many besides those runawaies in the wood. This sight caused our people to stand and better to consider for their safties what to doe, who knowing that delay bread dawngers desirous to show their resolution in maintaining that honor which most valiãtly they had alreadie obtained, rather were desirous to aduenture their good fortunes with the sworde, then to lose what they had so honorably gained: subiecting them selues vnto so merceleese enemies.

And héeron resoluing like Englishmen, who was as yet neuer knowen to forsake the feildes where tenne hath beene to one

the enimie approching one both sides, there was no remedie but to looke to them selues: which our Generall and his valiant associates seeing, placing their companies as they could best one such a suddaine, both for defending them selues and annoying the enemie like men no whit discomforted, beholding their huge number s which were of horse and foote, Spaniardes and the Cuntrey people 5000. brauely and with great courage began the assault applying their small shot so long as their poulder lasted, which finished throwing from them their shot betoke him to their hād weapons with which they did such wundrous spoyle as the spaniards perswaded them that they fought not against men, but some of a more horish condicion.

A sore and cruell battell was there heer begonne, and continued with so few to such a multitude as seldome hath bēne sēne in the enemies cuntrey, whose valiant harts were neuer dared, nor for no extremitie, although throw their hot and earnest labor in such a broyle and in a cuntrey so contagious, many were distrest for want of drink, yet minded they what they had in hād more then their bellies, playing the partes of men, and braue Englishmen defending and annoying the enemie with such corage that the enemies wundred therat, euermore cheering them selues, and the Generall chearing all, crying out to the terrour of the enemie Saint George, God for S. George Englands defence.

But in this glorie when their hopes were such to escape all daungers, through the mightie hand of our God which caused so many to fall before Sampson with the iaw bone: beholde a meruelous terrour vnto our men. The French Captain our Generalls great Amico, leading three score of his Cuntreymen was slaine, at whose fall his followers being discomforted begaune to flye, shewing therin right partes of them selues: which our men perceiuing, and knowing no cause, made shift for them selues, as these cowards did, and recouered their botes and their shippes in good safetie, backed from the raging pursute o' the enemie by our shippes.

In this conflict also was slaine Captaine Barker, Captaine Cotton two moste braue and resolute Gentlemen and much lamented. This battell finished, and all men come a bourde

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that could come, our Generall thought that he had done moste honorably, and generally the whole companye, bewayling the losse of his good freind the french gentleman slaine, cryed out of cowardice of those baser groomes his followers, perswading him self that if they had stood with them the honor of this comrie had beene theirs, so great was all their hopes in his mercie, that in so many perrils since they came from their owne cuntry had so mightily preserued them. Then laboured our men to cloy that Ordinaunce we left in our Forte, which we rama full of spykes, stones & other trumperie making them vnseruisable.

The Generall seeing what was done, and that there was no meanes to withstand so great a multitude least armed with foolish hardines he should endaunger the honor hée had gained, (then which) hee rather would choose to dye, seeing it would bee hot abyding there, the enemie planting so néere him commaunded the whole Fléet to make ready, bring their aucours abourd and vpon the first of the ebbe to goe out, which with such expedition was done, that their was no show of any idle hands.

At this push, beholde one other most meruelous fauour of God toward vs, the windes which long before blew great & vehemently into the harbought mouth, had altered her place and fitted our turnes so that being ready to set sayle we had a fayre top sale gale which caryed vs cleare off the harbought and the barre, without receiuing any domage from the enemie, which shot foanckly at vs a long time neuer hitting any one hull, but one, of our Flemings a great hulck which was as fair a marck as a Church which winde lasted not long, nor found wee the like, in seuen wéekes after: thus being deliuered from the hands of our enemies hauing in our companies of english, french and dutch the number of fiftéene sayles laden all deep with their commodities: The Generall commaunded the whole Fléet to beat for Peren-Iew where hee determined to water and to take such other prouision as we could there gette, sending the little Frenchman of *Deepe* which sayled well to procure what hee could for vs, with this place we fel about the midst of night, our Generall comming to ancour in the offing, put out his lightes that they might be therby aduertised what to doe, yet notwithstanding some put into the harbought others ouershotte it, and

wée in the Armyall ryding a foule and most bitter rough, were faine to shift for our selues, and put into the sea, where wee lost our Fléet & neuer met them after vntil our aryuall in ỳ downes, where it was sayde vnto our Generall, to his and all our comforts, that the Salomon with one Scottish hulck was come vnto London, The Perygrine the Welcome with their pynace and one other hulck laden were at Plimmouth, and one of the Spanish shippes which we laded for our owne vse arriued at Brealt in Brittaine, the other by mischance comming foule of an other shippe was broken down to the water which our men left in the sea, the frenchmen with their fiue shippes are as wee heare all arryued in safetie, our shippe with the Virgine and one other hulck being the last that came home, whose long stay made our freindes greatly to doubt of our well doings. But prayse to his holie name that hath so preserued vs all, and sent vs with such happie fortune amongst our freinds with no great losse, though some we had, amongst which, that off their liues and most lamented was Captaine Venard whome we buryed royally in the cuntry, the other our Master Chiurgion Randall Starkey a man of singuler skill and as good gouernment as may be required, who of the disease called the flux dyed & was there buryed, and almost all our Chiurgions one only excepted, of whose help God be glorified, we had little nede, vntill our arriuall in the downes, where a most sore and grieuous mischance befell vs, through the negligence of our master Gunner, whose careleste dowings made vs all full heauie, after a most troublesome and hard aduentures to be at our owne doores when euery man made reconing to sollace him with his freindes, then by such a casuall hap to be spoyled as we were, for the Gunner him self was slaine with two others, and twentie others greuously hurt.

A worthy mirour for all men of gouernment taking charge, how so carelesly they remaine them selues, loking with more care vnto the charge vnto them committed, especially such as haue the commaund of pouder and such like substance which is not to be iested withall, the prose thereof hath beene to often seene, to the great damage of the worshipfull Owners. God graunt this may be the last.

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Thus good Reader I haue truly discoursed vnto you the troubles of this our voyage which to the glorie of God and our Cuntries worthy deserued commendations I haue heere explayned, that you which beholde the wunders God hath done for vs and our Cuntrey may with vs and wee with you prayse him, and hartely desire that neuer worsse succes befall any of our nation, that as wee haue done fight and aduenture in such hasard for our Prince and Cuntrey whose life and honor God euer maintaine to the terrour of all domesticall enemies, & the ouerthrowe of all those that wish her or vs ill.

## A Commemoration of those vvoorthy and valiant Gentlemen Captaine Barker and his freind Captaine *Cotton who in this moste honorable Attempt* lost their liues.

GAallants of England *Marses* chosen pheres,
Braue men of worth *Chaueleres* of Fame:
*Lay* armes aside, and poure forth brinish teares,
VVayling their losse whom cowarde foes hath slaine.
*Barker* braue man, the honor of thy name,
Whose hautye deedes, yet ill succesſe in warre:
In cheifest mirth doth cause our tunes to iarre.

And courtious *Cottonne* for his braue attempt,
Didst well deserue a worthy Captaines place
Their valiant force these spaniards proud haue felt,
Which purchase fame vnto thier great disgrace
Pursuing foes like lions in their chase,
Fighting in right of cuntry and our *Queene*
Like men of worth, most resolute and sterne.

In midst of broyles where foes were ten to one,
Thier shot beeing spent, a wunder twas to see:
How many spaniards, by them to death were brought,
Crying S. *George*, sweete England now for thee:
The warcke of spaine, we haue good hope to see.
This sayd those gallants, and euen therewithall,
A luckelesse strook cause *Barker* dead to fall.

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Whose death fearce *Cottonne* requited so,
That many a foe, by him to hell was sent:
So shewed this man of worth his force gainst foe,
Whose hart with rigor to reuenge was bent.
But chance of warre, hath often wrong euent,
In cheifest hope, to haue a ioyfull day:
A cursed shot, his life hath tane away.

Thus fought those men like champions of our *Queene*,
Having at most in all three hundred men:
Against fiue thousand which armd in feilde was seene,
Ranged to fight, such cowardes still they benne.
Yet all their force they wayed not a pyn.
But brauely then the onset on them gaue,
And by their valour from their Fort them draue.

But dead they be, yea dead are both our freinds,
VVhose fames shall liue eternized for ay:
That all may know how braue they made their endes.
Which whilst they liude in this most hardy fray,
Did scourge these curres and held them at a bay.
Whose senceles truncks though loe enterd they lye,
Their glorious soules both rest aboue the skye.

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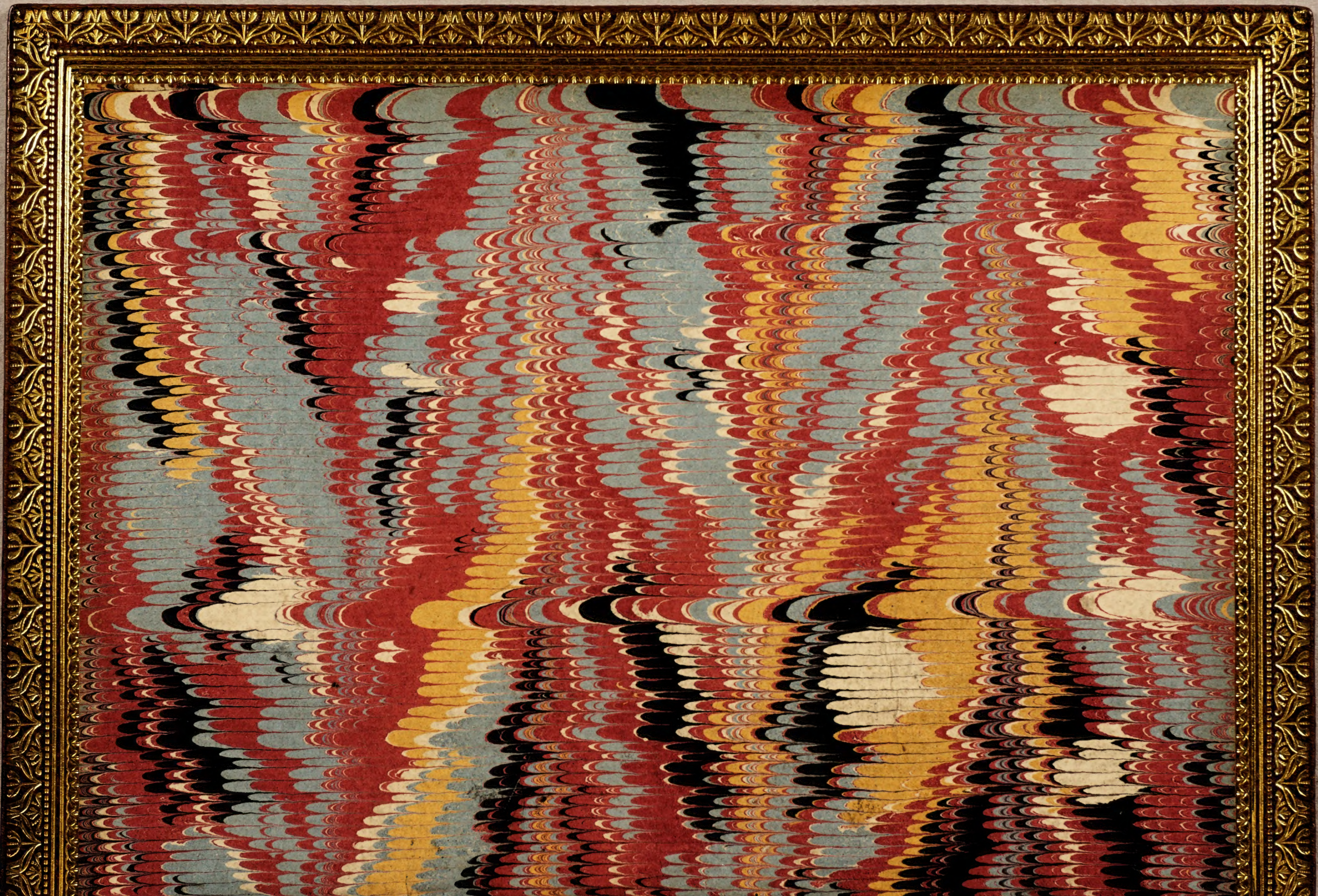
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